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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, a response to which is due July 19, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

## **REMARKS**

Applicant is not amending the application as the claims are believed to be patentably distinct as currently standing. Claims 19-20, and 21-26 are currently pending. In view of the remarks below, reconsideration and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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